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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

## New Condensed Heterocyclic Compounds, their production and Compositions containing them

We, J. R. GRIGY A.G. a body corporate organised according to the laws of Switzerland, of 215, Schwarzwaldallee, Basle, Switzerland, do hereby declare the invention, for which we

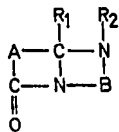
5 pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

The present invention concerns a process

10 for the production of new, condensed heterocyclic compounds as well as the new compounds obtained by this process.

It has surprisingly been found that heterocyclic compounds are obtained of the general

15 formula I



(I)

wherein

20  $\text{R}_1$  represents a low alkyl radical or an aryl or aralkyl radical which may be substituted, if desired, by low alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkanoylamino, alkylsulphamoyl or dialkylsulphamoyl groups, hydroxyl, nitro, amino, sulphy, sulphamoyl or trifluoromethyl groups and/or

25 by halogen atoms, or it represents a heteroaryl radical and  
 $\text{R}_2$  represents hydrogen, a low alkyl radical substituted, if desired, by hydroxyl or amino groups, low alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino or dialkylamino groups, by polymethyleneimino and alkyl-substituted polymethyleneimino groups having 5—7

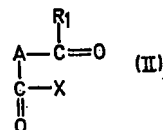
30 ring members, by a low 4-alkyl-1-piper-

aziny group, the morpholino group or by the thiomorpholino group, or it represents an aralkyl radical substituted, if desired, corresponding to the definition of  $\text{R}_1$ , and

A and B represent divalent, optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, araliphatic or heterocyclic radicals having 2—4 carbon atoms between the two

valences but not more than 2 carbon atoms common to two rings, and at least one of the radicals A and  $\text{R}_1$  is an aromatic or heteroaromatic group,

if a  $\gamma$ - $\delta$ - or  $\epsilon$ -ketocarboxylic acid or a derivative thereof corresponding to the general formula II

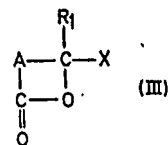


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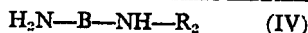
X represents the hydroxyl group, chlorine or bromine or a low alkoxy group or alkanoyloxy group, in particular the acetoxy group, and

55  $\text{R}_1$  and A have the meanings given in general formula I, which compound can also be wholly or partially in the tautomeric form corresponding to general formula III



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is reacted with a compound of general formula IV



wherein B and R<sub>2</sub> have the meanings given in general formula I.

5 The term "low" as used throughout the specification and claims means that the alkyl groups in the radicals concerned contain 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

10 The new compounds produced in a simple way by this process, generally in good yields, are surprisingly distinguished by valuable pharmacological properties. In particular such compounds have anti-inflammatory, anaesthesia-potentiating, anti-convulsive and anal-  
15 getic activity with, at the same time, relatively slight toxicity.

The anti-inflammatory activity of the compounds of general formula I can be seen, for example, from tests made on animals suffering from peritonitis induced by formalin. On  
20 administration of 200 mg per kg bodyweight per os to rats, the following compounds, for example, caused a reduction of exudation of more than 45% compared with control animals: 7a - phenylhexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo-  
25 [1,2 - a]imidazol - 5 - one, 8a - (p - chlorophenyl) - hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrimidin - 6(2H) - one, 9b - (p - chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
30 [2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one, 1 - methyl - 9b-phenyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-[2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one and 1 - ethyl - 9b-phenyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
35 [2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one. Similar favourable results are also obtained, e.g. in tests regarding the influence of oedema of the rat's paw induced by formalin and by albumin as well as in tests regarding reduction of pyrexia in the rat.

40 The compounds of general formula I form salts having, in general, moderately to good water solubility, with inorganic and organic acids, e.g. hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulphuric acid, oxalic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, ascorbic  
45 acid, salicylic acid and acetylsalicylic acid.

The new compounds of general formula I and their salts are used therapeutically mainly orally or rectally. They can also be administered, however, parenterally in the form of  
50 aqueous dispersions produced with the aid of solubility promoters and/or emulsifying agents or in the form of aqueous solutions of their pharmacologically acceptable salts.

Accordingly the invention also comprises  
55 compositions containing compounds of the general formula I, or salts thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutical carrier.

Compounds of the general formula I, in particular those having a hydrogen atom as R<sub>2</sub> or hydroxyl or amino groups as substituents of  
60 R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>2</sub>, can also be used as intermediate products, for example, for the production of other pharmacologically valuable substances.

In the compounds of general formula I and

in the corresponding starting materials, R<sub>1</sub> is, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, benzyl, β-phenylethyl, phenyl, o-, m- and p-tolyl, 2,3-, 2,4-, 3,4-, 2,5- or 2,6-xylyl, o-, m- and p-ethylphenyl, p-propylphenyl, p-isopropylphenyl, p-butylphenyl, p-isobutylphenyl, p-tert. butylphenyl, α-phenyl-p-tolyl (p-benzylphenyl), p-biphenyl, o-, m- and p-fluorophenyl, o-, m- and p-chlorophenyl, o-, m- and p-bromophenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,5-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 2-methyl - 4 - chlorophenyl, 2 - methyl - 5-chlorophenyl, α,α,α - trifluoro - m - tolyl, α,α,α - trifluoro - p - tolyl, 2,4,6 - terimethylphenyl, m - methoxyphenyl, p - methoxyphenyl, m - ethoxyphenyl, p - ethoxyphenyl, p - methylthiophenyl, o - hydroxyphenyl, m-hydroxyphenyl, p-hydroxyphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2 - hydroxy - 5 - methylphenyl, p - methylsulphonylphenyl, p - acetamidophenyl, m-acetamidophenyl, m-amino-phenyl, m - nitrophenyl, 3 - acetamido - 4-chlorophenyl, 3 - amino - 4 - chlorophenyl, 2 - hydroxy - 4 - chlorophenyl, 2 - hydroxy-5 - chlorophenyl, 2 - hydroxy - 5 - methoxyphenyl, 3 - sulphamoyl - 4 - chlorophenyl, m - dimethylsulphamoylphenyl, 3 - nitro - 4-aminophenyl, 3 - nitro - 4 - methylthiophenyl, 1 - naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 2-thienyl.

A is, for example, ethylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, phenylethylene, 2,2-dimethyltrimethylene, 1,2 - diphenyltrimethylene, o-phenylene, 4-methyl-o-phenylene, 3-chloro-o-phenylene, 4-chloro-o-phenylene, 3,6-dichloro - o - phenylene, 3,4,5,6 - tetrachloro-o - phenylene, 4 - methoxy - o - phenylene, cis - 1,2 - cyclohexylene, or a vicinal divalent pyridine radical.

B is, for example, ethylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, 2,2 - dimethyltrimethylene, methylethylene, 1,1 - dimethylethylene, 1,2-dimethylethylene, ethylethylene, o-benzylene, α,α' - o - xylylene, o - phenylene, 4 - methyl-o-phenylene, 3 - chloro - o - phenylene, 4-chloro - o - phenylene, 4 - methoxy - o-phenylene, 1,2-naphthylene, 1,8-naphthylene, o,o' - biphenylene, cis- or trans-1,2 - cyclohexylene or a vicinal divalent pyridine radical.

The divalent radicals listed under A and B which are non-symmetrical can actually be in any of the various possible arrangements in the molecule of the end product.

R<sub>2</sub> is, for example, hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, 3-methoxypropyl, 2-methylthioethyl, 3-methylthiopropyl, 2-aminoethyl, 2-ethylaminoethyl, 2-dimethylaminoethyl, 2-diethylaminoethyl, 3 - dimethylaminopropyl, 3-diethylaminopropyl, benzyl, p-dimethylaminobenzyl, p - chlorobenzyl, m - trifluoromethylbenzyl, veratryl, β - phenylethyl, α - methyl-β-phenylethyl, β-(1-pyrrolidinyl)-ethyl, β-piperidinoethyl, β - hexamethyleneiminoethyl, β-morpholinoethyl, β-thiomorpholinoethyl, or

$\beta$  - (4 - methyl - 1 - piperazinyl) - ethyl.

Many of the compounds of general formulae II, III and IV used as starting materials are known or can be produced by generally known processes. In the starting materials of the general formula II, the carbonyl group, as defined, is always bound, at least unilaterally, to a benzene ring or to a heteroaromatic ring, i.e. to a thiophene or pyridine ring. In the most simple case, when in the starting material of general formula II or III, A is an aliphatic radical and R<sub>1</sub> is an aromatic or heteroaromatic radical and, in the starting material of general formula IV, B is an aliphatic radical, products are obtained by the process which have two fused rings and a further ring bound at an angle. If A and/or B is a cyclic radical, then ring systems are formed which have 3, 4 or more condensed rings. As defined, only two of the carbon atoms between the two valences of A and of B can belong to the same ring. Others, however, can be outside the ring or can belong to a second ring such as is the case, e.g. in condensation products for which *o*-phenacylbenzoic acid of general formula II or  $\alpha$ ,2-toluenediamine (*o*-aminobenzylamine) or 1,8 - naphthalenediamine or 2,2' - biphenyldiamine of general formula IV is used as starting material. The following compounds are given as examples of starting materials of the general formulae II and III:

*o*-acetylbenzoic acid, *o*-propionylbenzoic acid, *o*-butyrylbenzoic acid, 3-benzoylpropionic acid, 3-(*m*-fluorobenzoyl)-propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - fluorobenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*m* - chlorobenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p*-bromobenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*m*-nitrobenzoyl)-propionic acid, 3-(*m*-toluoyl)-propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - toluoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - ethylbenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - isopropylbenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p* - tert.butylbenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$  - trifluoro - *m* - toluoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - salicyloyl - propionic acid, 3 - (*m*-hydroxybenzoyl) - propionic acid, 3 - (*p*-anisoyl) - propionic acid, 2 - butylthio - 3-benzoyl - propionic acid, 2 - butyl - 3 - (*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-propionic acid, 2 - phenylthio - 3 - benzoyl-propionic acid, 2 - phenyl - 3-benzoyl - propionic acid, 2 - phenyl - 3 - (*p*-anisoyl) - propionic acid, 4 - benzoyl - butyric acid, 3,3 - dimethyl - 4 - benzoyl - butyric acid, 3,3 - dimethyl - 4 - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl)-butyric acid, 2,3 - diphenyl - 3 - benzoylbutyric acid, 2,3 - diphenyl - 4 - (*p* - anisoyl)-butyric acid, 3 - (2' - thenoyl) - propionic acid, 2 - phenyl - 3 - (2' - thenoyl) - propionic acid, 4 - (2' - thenoyl) - butyric acid, 5 - benzoyl - valeric acid, 2 - benzoylcyclohexane - carboxylic acid, *o* - benzoylbenzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - fluorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - fluorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' -

bromobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - nitrobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - toluoyl)-benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - toluoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - ethylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*'-isopropylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*'-tert. butylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -trifluoro - *m*' - toluoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$  - trifluoro - *p*' - toluoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - salicyloyl - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - hydroxybenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - hydroxybenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - anisoyl)-benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - anisoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - ethoxybenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*'-methylthiobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-benzoic acid, *o*-(*m*'-aminobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - acetamidobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*p*' - acetamidobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (*m*' - dimethylsulphamylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3,4 - dichlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (2,4-dimethylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (2,5 - dimethylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3,4 - dimethylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (5 - chlorosalicyloyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - nitro - 4-hydroxybenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (2-hydroxy - 5 - methylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (2 - hydroxy - 5 - methoxybenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - nitro - 4 - methylthiobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - amino - 4 - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - nitro - 4 - aminobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - acetamido - 4 - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (3 - sulphamoyl) - 4 - chlorobenzoyl)-benzoic acid, *o* - (2,4,6 - trimethylbenzoyl)-benzoic acid, 2 - benzoyl - 3 - chlorobenzoic acid, 2 - benzoyl - 3 - nitrobenzoic acid, 2-benzoyl - 3,4,5,6 - tetrachlorobenzoic acid, 2 - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl) - 3 - chlorobenzoic acid, 2 - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl) - 3,4,5,6 - tetrachlorobenzoic acid, 2 - (*p* - phenylbenzoyl) - benzoic acid, *o* - (2 - naphthoyl) - benzoic acid, *o*-phenylacetylbenzoic acid, *o* - phenacylbenzoic acid, *o* - benzoylphenylacetic acid, 3 - (*p*-chlorobenzoyl) - picolinic acid, 3 - benzoylpropionic acid ethyl ester, *o* - benzoylbenzoic acid methyl ester, 3 - chloro - 3 - phenylphthalide, 3 - methoxy - 3 - phenylphthalide, 3 - acetoxy - 3 - phenylphthalide.

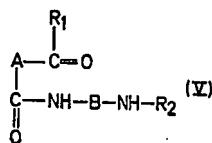
As starting materials of general formula IV can be mentioned:

ethylenediamine, N-methylethylenediamine, N - ethylethylenediamine, N - propylethylenediamine, N - isopropylethylenediamine, N-butylethylenediamine, N - (2 - hydroxyethyl)-ethylenediamine, diethylenetriamine, 1,1 - dimethyldiethylenetriamine (N,N - dimethyldiethylenetriamine), 1,2 - propanediamine, 1,2-butanediamine, 2,3 - butanediamine, N<sup>2</sup> - isopropyl - 2 - methyl - 1,2 - propanediamine, cis - 1,2 - cyclohexanediamine, trans - 1,2-cyclohexanediamine, *o* - phenylenediamine, N-methyl - *o* - phenylenediamine, N - ethyl - *o* - phenylenediamine, N - (2 - dimethylaminoethyl) - *o* - phenylenediamine, N - (2 - diethylaminoethyl) - *o* - phenylenediamine, toluene

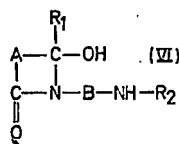
3,4 - diamine (4 - methyl - *o* - phenylenediamine), 2,3 - pyridinediamine, 1,3 - propanediamine, N - methyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, N - ethyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, N - propyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, N - isopropyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, N - butyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, 1,3 - diamino - 2 - propanol, 2-methyl - 1,3 - propanediamine, 1,3 - butanediamine, 2,4 - pentanediamine, toluene -  $\alpha$ ,2-diamine (*o*-aminobenzylamine), 1,8-naphthalenediamine, 1,4 - butanediamine, N - methyl - 1,4 - butanediamine, N - ethyl - 1,4 - butanediamine, 2,2' - biphenyldiamine.

To produce compounds according to the invention, an amine of general formula IV is reacted at temperatures of about 100—250° in the presence or absence of a solvent, e.g. toluene, chlorobenzene, xylene, *o*-chlorotoluene, *o*-dichlorobenzene, nitrobenzene, amyl alcohol, with a ketocarboxylic acid or a derivative thereof corresponding to the general formulae II and/or III. The condensation according to the invention is performed while splitting off the equimolar amount of the compound H—X and water and can optionally be promoted by agents splitting off water, e.g. zinc chloride, or by distilling off the reaction water or the liberated alkanol or the liberated acetic acid.

In many cases, two reaction steps can be observed in the performance of the process according to the invention. First, an intermediate product of the general formula V



which, in some cases, is wholly or partially in the tautomeric form corresponding to general



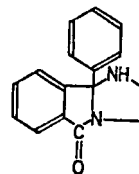
in which formulae  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , A and B have the meanings given in general formula I, is formed whilst a compound X—H, i.e. water, hydrogen halide, low alkanol or low alkanolic acid is split off. The end product of general formula I is then formed therefrom by splitting off water under the reaction conditions given above. Thus, the present invention also includes the production of these end products from intermediate products of the general formulae V and/or VI. This process is characterised by subjecting compounds of these general formulae to conditions which split off

water, most simply by heating in a solvent which azeotropically distils off with water, e.g. chlorobenzene or *o*-dichlorobenzene, or heating in the presence of an agent which splits off water, e.g. zinc chloride, magnesium perchlorate or phosphorus pentoxide.

The following examples further illustrate the process according to the invention but are by no means the only methods of performing same. The temperatures are in degrees Centigrade. The parts are given as parts by weight and their relationship to parts by volume is as that of grammes to cubic centimetres.

#### EXAMPLE 1.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid are added to 7.2 parts of ethylenediamine. A thick slurry is formed whilst the temperature rises to about 80°. The temperature is gradually raised to 140° and, at the same time, the excess ethylenediamine and the reaction water are distilled off. After heating for another 2 hours at 140°, the melt, which has become clear, is poured into a bowl and, after it has cooled, it is rubbed with a little benzene. The crude product separates out in the form of colourless crystals. After recrystallising once from benzene, pure 9b - phenyl - 1,2,3,9b-tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-5-one of the formula



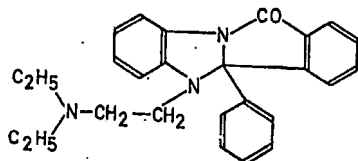
is obtained. M.P. 150—151°.

To produce the hydrochloride, the above reaction product is added, for example to about 20% hydrochloric acid and the precipitated hydrochloride is filtered off. The reaction product however, can be dissolved in ethanol and the hydrochloride precipitated by introducing hydrogen chloride. The hydrochloride can be purified, e.g. by recrystallisation from ethanol. It decomposes on heating at 240—260° and easily dissolves in water.

On using correspondingly varied starting materials, the following compounds are obtained by the same process:

- 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b-tetrahydro - 5 - H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-5-one, M.P. 166—168°;
- 4b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 4b,5 - dihydro-11H - isoindolo[2,1 - a]benzimidazol-11-one, M.P. 158—160°;
- 9b - (*p* - methylthiophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b-tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-5-one, M.P. 147°;
- 1 - methyl - 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 135—137°;

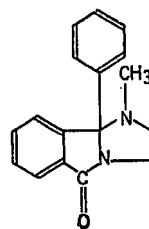
- e) 1 - butyl - 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
121—123°;
- 5 f) 9b - (2' - hydroxy - 5' - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
258—260°;
- 10 g) 9b - (*p* - methylsulfonylphenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
265—267°;
- 15 h) 2 - methyl - 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one (The two  
stereoisomers which melt at 153.5—  
155° and 195.5—198°, are obtained by  
chromatographic separation in an  
aluminium oxide column with chloro-  
form);
- 20 i) 10b - phenyl - 10b,11 - dihydro - 6H-  
pyrido[2',3' - 4,5]imidazo[2,1 - a]iso-  
indol-6-one, M.P. 213—215°;
- 25 k) 9b - ( $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$  - trifluoro - *p* - tolyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
191—191.5°;
- 30 l) 9b - (*p* - bromophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]-  
isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 146—148°;
- 35 m) 9b - (*p* - methoxyphenyl) - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]-  
isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 160—161°;
- 40 n) 9b - (3' - amino - 4' - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
175—176°;
- 45 o) 9b - (1' - naphthyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetra-  
hydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-  
5-one, M.P. 166—167°;
- 40 p) 9b - (3' - acetamido - 4' - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
198—199°;
- 45 q) 4b - phenyl - 5 - (2' - diethylamino-  
ethyl) - 4b,5 - dihydro - 11H - iso-  
indolo[2,1 - a]benzimidazol - 11 - one  
of the formula



- 50 r) 1 - (2' - dimethylaminoethyl) - 9b-  
phenyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-  
imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one  
(citrate), M.P. 179—181°, and
- s) 1 - (3' - dimethylaminopropyl) - 9b-  
phenyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-  
imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindole - 5 - one,  
M.P. 100—101°.
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## EXAMPLE 2.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid are dis-  
solved in 100 ml of chlorobenzene. 7.4 Parts  
of N-methylethylenediamine are added within  
10 minutes. The temperature is then raised  
within 1—2 hours to such an extent that some  
chlorobenzene is continuously distilled off with  
the reaction water until the boiling point of the  
pure chlorobenzene (130—132°) is attained.  
80—90% of the theoretical amount of reac-  
tion water can be removed from the distillate.  
The remainder of the chlorobenzene is distilled  
off from the reaction mass in vacuo and the  
viscous oil which remains is crystallised by the  
addition of about 10 parts of ethyl acetate.  
The 1 - methyl - 9b - phenyl - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-  
5-one so obtained of the formula

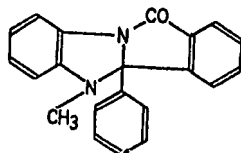


is filtered off and recrystallised from a mixture  
of 30 parts of ethyl acetate and 30 parts of  
petroleum ether (B.P. 30—60°). M.P.  
120—122°.

The following compounds are obtained by  
the same process on using corresponding varied  
starting materials:

- a) 1 - ethyl - 9b - phenyl - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]-  
isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 119—121°;
- b) 1 - propyl - 9b - phenyl - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]-  
isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 134—136°;
- c) 9b - (*p* - tolyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro-  
5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5-  
one, M.P. 152—154°;
- d) 1 - methyl - 9b - (*p* - tolyl) - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]-  
isoindol - 5 - one, M.P. 112—114°;
- e) 9b - (*p* - ethylphenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetra-  
hydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-  
5-one, M.P. 119—124°;
- f) 1 - methyl - 9b - (*m* - nitrophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
148—150°;
- g) 9b - (*m* - nitrophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetra-  
hydro - 5H - imidazo [2,1 - a]iso-  
indol - 5 - one, M.P. 169—171°;
- h) 9b - (*p* - fluorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetra-  
hydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]iso-  
indole-5-one, M.P. 188—190°, and

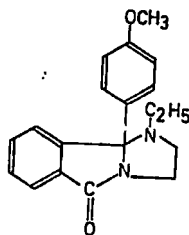
- i) 4b - phenyl - 5 - methyl - 4b,5 - dihydro-  
11H - isoindolo[2,1 - a]benzimidazol-  
11-one of the formula



5 M.P. 154—156°.

#### EXAMPLE 3.

- 25.6 Parts of *o* - (*p*' - anisoyl) - benzoic  
acid, 50 parts by volume of *o*-chlorotoluene  
and 8.8 parts of N-ethylethylenediamine are  
mixed and the mixture is heated within one  
10 hour in such a way that the reaction water  
and *o*-chlorotoluene are slowly distilled off  
together. By the time the boiling point of the  
pure solvent (159°) has been reached, 3.5 parts  
15 of water have been distilled off. The remaining  
chlorotoluene is distilled off in vacuo and the  
viscous residue is distilled under high vacuum.  
The greenish distillate which passes over at  
185—187° under about 0.01 mm pressure is  
20 rubbed with a little ethyl acetate and so  
brought to crystallisation. On recrystallising  
from ethyl acetate, the pure 1-ethyl-9b-(*p*-  
methoxyphenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-  
imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one is formed  
25 of the formula



M.P. 76—78°.

- On using correspondingly varied starting  
materials, the following compounds are  
30 obtained by the same process:

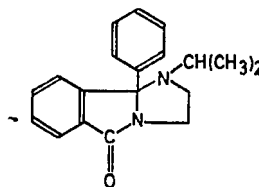
- a) 1 - ethyl - 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
114—116°;  
35 b) 9b - (2',4' - xylyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetra-  
hydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-  
5 - one, M.P. 177.5—179°;  
c) 1 - methyl - 9b - (*p* - methoxyphenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
40 [2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
107—109°;  
d) 1 - propyl - 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
45 137—140°;

- e) 1 - methyl - 9b - (*p* - ethylphenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, M.P.  
105—109°;  
f) 1 - ethyl - 9b - (*p* - tolyl) - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]iso-  
indol - 5 - one, M.P. 109—111°, and  
g) 1 - ethyl - 9b - (*p* - ethylphenyl)-  
1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo-  
[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one, amorphous, 55  
B.P. 169—178°/0.005 Torr.

#### EXAMPLE 4.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid and  
50 parts by volume of chlorobenzene and 10.2  
parts of N-isopropyl-ethylenediamine are  
heated to 130° within 30—40 minutes,  
whereby finally only chlorobenzene is distilled  
off. 1.8 ml of water are obtained in this way.  
On cooling the solution, the intermediate pro-  
duct crystallises out, i.e. 2-(2'-isopropylamino-  
ethyl) - 3 - hydroxy - 3 - phenyl - 1 - iso-  
indolinone (2 - (2' - isopropylaminoethyl) - 3-  
hydroxy - 3 - phenyl - phthalimidine), M.P.  
242—243°.

This intermediate product is further con-  
densed by heating for 10 minutes at 245—  
250°, whereby reaction water is produced.  
After cooling and rubbing with ethyl acetate,  
the 1 - isopropyl - 9b - phenyl - 1,2,3,9b-  
tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol-  
5 - one of the formula 75

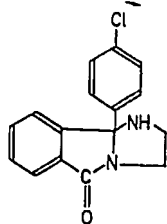


crystallises. After recrystallisation from ethyl  
acetate and petroleum ether (B.P. 30—60°),  
it melts at 178—180°.

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#### EXAMPLE 5.

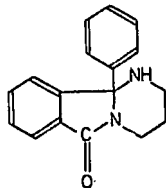
27.4 Parts of 3 - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 3-  
methoxy - phthalide are added within 1 hour  
at 80° to a mixture of 50 parts by volume  
of ethylene diamine and 10 parts of water. 85  
After 2 hours, the reaction mixture is diluted  
with water up to 500 parts by volume and  
the liquid is decanted from the intermediate  
product which crystallises out. In this way, 2-  
(2'-aminoethyl) - 3 - hydroxy - 3 - (*p* - chloro-  
phenyl) - 1 - isoindolinone (2 - (2' - amino-  
ethyl) - 3 - hydroxy - 3 - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-  
phthalimidine- is obtained, M.P. 172—174°. 90  
On melting, water is split off and 9b-(*p*-  
chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-  
imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one is obtained  
95 of the formula



which melts at 166—168° (see example 1 a).

#### EXAMPLE 6.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid and 8.9 parts of 1,3-propanediamine are heated within 1 hour to 140° and this temperature is maintained for 1 hour. The melt is then cooled and afterwards dissolved in 300 parts by volume of ethyl acetate, the hot solution is filtered with decolourising charcoal and left to stand whereupon 10b - phenyl - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one of the formula

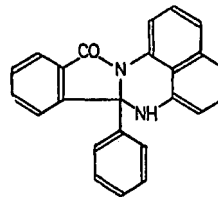


crystallises out, M.P. 176—177°.

The following compounds are obtained by the same process on using correspondingly varied starting materials:

- a) 10b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H)-one, M.P. 159—160°;
- b) 10b - (*m* - nitrophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 176.5—178°;
- c) 10b - (*p* - methoxyphenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 161.5—163°;
- d) 10b - (*p* - methylthiophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 163—164°;
- e) 10b - (*p* - ethoxyphenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 166—167°;
- f) 10b - (3' - amino - 4' - chlorophenyl)-1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 168—169°;
- g) 10b - (2' - hydroxy - 5' - methylphenyl)-1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 257—259°;
- h) 10b - (*p* - bromophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 151—152°;

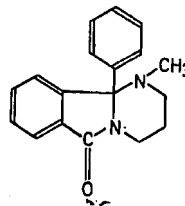
- i) 10b - (*p* - fluorophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one, M.P. 143—146°, and
- j) 7a - phenyl - 7,7a - dihydro - 12H-isoindolo[2,1 - a]perimidin - 12 - one of the formula



M.P. 252—254°.

#### EXAMPLE 7.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid are slurried in 50 parts by volume of chlorobenzene and 8.8 parts of N-methyl-1,3-propanediamine are added. The reaction mixture is heated while slowly distilling off reaction water and chlorobenzene until, after 1½ hours, the boiling point of the pure chlorobenzene has been attained. 3.5 Parts of water are so distilled off. After cooling the chlorobenzene solution, petroleum ether (B.P. 30—60°) is added until the solution begins to turn cloudy whereupon 1 - methyl - 10b - phenyl - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H)-one of the formula



crystallises out. After recrystallising from ethyl acetate, it melts at 169—171°.

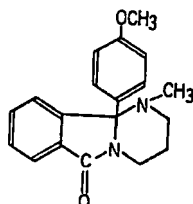
Using correspondingly varied starting materials, the following compounds are obtained by the same process:

- a) 1 - methyl - 10b - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 142—144°, and
- b) 1 - methyl - 10b - (*m* - nitrophenyl)-1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 166—168°.

#### EXAMPLE 8.

25.6 Parts of *o* - (*p'* - anisoyl)-benzoic acid are heated within 2 hours to 159° with 8.8 parts of N - methyl - 1,3 - propane - diamine and 50 parts by volume of *o*-chlorotoluene, whereby the reaction water and chlorotoluene slowly distill off. After evaporating off the

chlorotoluene, the amorphous crude product is distilled under high vacuum. The distillate which passes over at 213° under 0.03 mm pressure is recrystallised from ethyl acetate. In this way, pure 1 - methyl - 10b - (*p* - methoxyphenyl) - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one is obtained of the formula



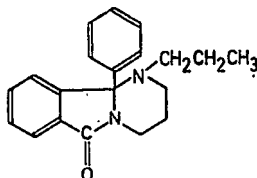
10 M.P. 128—131°.

On using correspondingly varied starting materials, the following compounds are obtained by the same process:

- 15 a) 1 - ethyl - 10b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, amorphous, B.P. 200—202°/0.04 Torr;
- 20 b) 1 - propyl - 10b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, amorphous, B.P. 198—200°/0.02 Torr, and
- 25 c) 1 - ethyl - 10b - (*p* - methoxyphenyl) - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 126—129°.

#### EXAMPLE 9.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid and 11.6 parts of N-propyl - 1,3 - propanediamine are heated within 1½ hours with 50 parts by volume of *o*-dichlorobenzene until the boiling point of the latter is attained. Almost the theoretical amount of reaction water is azeotropically distilled off. The clear solution is evaporated to dryness in vacuo, the oily residue is dissolved in ethyl acetate and crystallised by the dropwise addition of pentane. In this way, 1 - propyl - 10b - phenyl - 1,3,4,10b-tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol-6(2H) - one is obtained of the formula

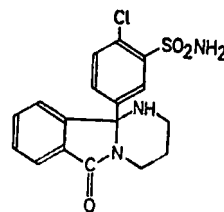


M.P. 135—137°. 1 - Ethyl - 10b - phenyl-

1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one is obtained in the same manner from *o* - benzoyl - benzoic acid and N - ethyl - 1,3 - propanediamine. M.P. 131—133°.

#### EXAMPLE 10.

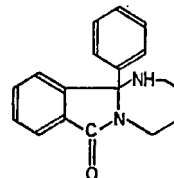
34.0 Parts of *o* - (3 - sulphamoyl - 4 - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid are dissolved in 150 parts by volume of *n*-amyl alcohol. 7.5 Parts of 1,3-propanediamine are added dropwise and then the whole is distilled slowly until the boiling point of the pure amyl alcohol (136.5°) is attained. 3.4 Parts of water are distilled off simultaneously. The clear solution is allowed to cool whereupon the 10b-(3' - sulphamoyl - 4' - chlorophenyl)-1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one of the formula



crystallises out. After recrystallising from methanol, it melts at 222—224°.

#### EXAMPLE 11.

22.6 Parts of *o*-benzoyl-benzoic acid and 10.1 parts of 1,4-butanediamine in 100 parts by volume of *o*-dichlorobenzene are heated within 2 hours to 179° whereby reaction water and a little dichlorobenzene azeotropically distil off. The solvent is then distilled off in vacuo whereupon an oil remains which spontaneously crystallises after some time. On recrystallising from benzene, the pure 11b-phenyl - 1,2,3,4,5,11b - hexahydro - 7H-[1,3]diazepino[2,1 - a]isoindol - 7 - one is obtained of the formula



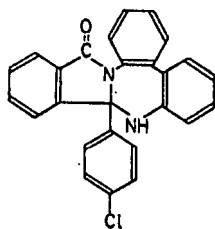
It melts at 180—181°. On using *o*-(*p*'-chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid, 11b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,4,5,11b - hexahydro - 7H-[1,3]diazepino[2,1 - a]isoindol - 7 - one is obtained in the same manner it melts at 134—135°.

#### EXAMPLE 12.

26.1 Parts of *o* - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl) - benzoic acid and 19.3 parts of 2,2' - biphenyl-



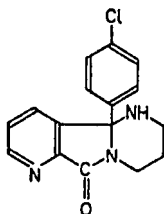
- 5 diamine (*o,o* - diaminobiphenyl) are heated to 160° and this temperature is maintained for 2 hours. After cooling, the crude product is recrystallised from chlorobenzene. In this way, the pure 9a - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 9,9a - dihydro - 14H - dibenzo[4,5,6,7][1,3]diazepino[2,1 - *a*]isoindol - 14 - one is obtained of the formula



- 10 M.P. 321—323°.

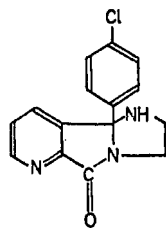
#### EXAMPLE 13.

- 26.2 Parts of 3 - (*p* - chlorobenzoyl)-picolinic acid and 9.0 parts of 1,3-propanediamine are heated to 160° and this temperature is maintained for 1½ hours. After cooling, the crude product is recrystallised twice from ethyl acetate. In this way, the pure 10b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrido[3',2' - 3,4]pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]pyrimidine-6(2H) - one is obtained of the formula



- M.P. 246—247°. In the same way, on using ethylenediamine instead of 1,3-propanediamine, 9b - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro-5H - imidazo[1',2' - 1,2]pyrrolo[4,3 - *b*]pyridin-5-one is obtained of the formula

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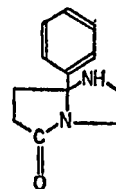


M.P. 226—227°.

#### EXAMPLE 14.

- 30 17.8 Parts of 3-benzoyl-propionic acid and 8.6 parts of ethylenediamine are heated for 2½ hours at 150—160°. The crude reaction mass is then dissolved in 25 parts of ethyl acetate,

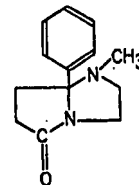
the reaction product is allowed to crystallise out, it is filtered off and recrystallised from a mixture of ethyl acetate and ligroin. The pure 7a - phenyl - hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]imidazol - 5 - one of the formula



melts at 129.5°.

#### EXAMPLE 15.

17.8 Parts of 3-benzoyl-propionic acid are suspended in 125 parts of chlorobenzene whereupon 8 parts of *N* - methylenediamine are added and the whole is heated for half an hour while distilling off water and chlorobenzene. The chlorobenzene is then removed in vacuo and the residue is recrystallised, first from ethyl acetate and then from a mixture of ligroin and ethyl acetate. The pure 1-methyl-7a - phenyl - hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]imidazol - 5 - one of the formula



melts at 94°. The following compounds are produced in an analogous manner:

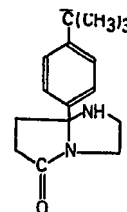
- a) 1 - methyl - 7a - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]imidazol-5-one, M.P. 84°, and  
b) 1 - methyl - 7a - (*m* - nitrophenyl)-hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]imidazol-5-one, M.P. 129.5°.

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#### EXAMPLE 16.

23.4 Parts of 3 - (*p* - tert.butyl - benzoyl)-propionic acid and 10 parts of ethylenediamine are heated for 2 hours at 150—160°. After cooling, the reaction product crystallises from ethyl acetate. The pure 7a - (*p* - tert.butylphenyl) - hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - *a*]imidazol - 5 - one of the formula



melts at 202°.

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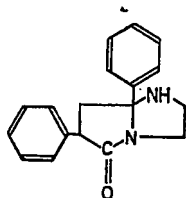
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The following compounds are produced in an analogous way:

- 5 a) 7a - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - hexahydro-5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5-one, M.P. 156°;  
 b) 7a - (*p* - tolyl) - hexahydro - 5H-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5 - one, M.P. 134.5°;  
 10 c) 7a - (*p* - methoxyphenyl) - hexahydro-5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5-one, M.P. 147.6°;  
 d) 7a - ( $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$  - trifluoro - *m* - tolyl)-hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]-imidazol - 5 - one, M.P. 119.5°;  
 15 e) 7a - (*o* - hydroxyphenyl) - hexahydro-5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5-one, M.P. 200°, and  
 20 f) 7a - (*m* - nitrophenyl) - hexahydro-5H - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5-one, M.P. 164.5°.

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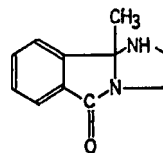
- 25.4 Parts of 3 - benzoyl - 2 - phenylpropionic acid and 8 parts of ethylenediamine are heated for 2 hours at 150—170°. The cooled reaction mixture is then extracted several times with hot ligroin, the solution obtained is concentrated and the product which precipitates is crystallised from ethyl acetate. The pure 6,7a - diphenyl - hexahydro - 5H-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]imidazol - 5 - one of the formula



- melts at 168°. 6 - Phenyl - 7a - (4' - methoxyphenyl) - hexahydro - 5H - pyrrolo [1,2 - a]imidazol - 5 - one is produced in an analogous manner. It melts at 150°.

#### EXAMPLE 18.

- 16.4 Parts of *o*-acetyl-benzoic acid and 7 parts of ethylenediamine are heated in 120 parts of chlorobenzene for 3 hours while distilling off chlorobenzene and the liberated water. Also *o*-chlorotoluene or similar solvents can be used instead of chlorobenzene. The reaction solution is then concentrated in vacuo, the residue is diluted with ethyl acetate and it is left overnight in the refrigerator to crystallise out. The reaction product is filtered off and purified by recrystallisation from ethyl acetate. The 9b - methyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 5-one of the formula

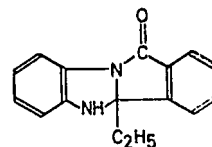


melts at 112°. The following compounds are obtained in an analogous way:

- a) 9b - ethyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one, M.P. 88°;  
 b) 9b - benzyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H-imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one, M.P. 117°;  
 c) 1,9b - dimethyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro-5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 5 - one, M.P. 74°, and  
 d) 1 - ethyl - 9b - methyl - 1,2,3,9b - tetrahydro - 5H - imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 5-one, M.P. 79.5°.

#### EXAMPLE 19.

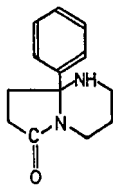
- 17.8 Parts of *o*-propionyl-benzoic acid and 11 parts of *o*-phenylenediamine are heated for 1 hour in 200 parts of chlorobenzene while distilling off water and chlorobenzene. The excess chlorobenzene is then removed in vacuo and the residue is distilled under high vacuum. The distillate solidifies and is recrystallised from a little ethyl acetate. The pure 4b-ethyl-4b,5 - dihydro - 11H - benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol - 11 - one of the formula



- melts at 134°. 4b - methyl - 4b,5 - dihydro-11H - benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1 - a]isindol-11-one (M.P. 182.5°) is produced in an analogous manner from *o*-acetylbenzoic acid and *o*-phenylenediamine.

#### EXAMPLE 20.

- 17.8 Parts of 3-benzoyl-propionic acid and 8 parts of 1,3-propanediamine are heated for 2½ hours at 150—160° and the product obtained is purified by recrystallisation from ethyl acetate. The reaction can also be performed, however, in chlorobenzene while distilling off the mixture of water and chlorobenzene formed. The pure 8a - phenyl - hexahydro - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H)-one of the formula

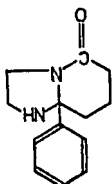


melts at 134°. The following products are obtained in an analogous manner:

- 5 a) 8a - (*p* - chlorophenyl) - hexahydro-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 125°;
- b) 8a - (*p* - tolyl) - hexahydro - pyrrolo-[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 147.5°;
- 10 c) 8a - (*p* - tert.butylphenyl) - hexahydro-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 178.5°;
- d) 8a - (*m* - chlorophenyl) - hexahydro-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 110°;
- 15 e) 8a - (*m* - tolyl) - hexahydro - pyrrolo-[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 92.5°;
- 20 f) 7,8a - diphenyl - hexahydro - pyrrolo-[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H) - one, M.P. 164.8°;
- g) 8a - (*o* - hydroxyphenyl) - hexahydro-pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 144.5°;
- 25 h) 8a - ( $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$  - trifluoro - *m* - tolyl)-hexahydro - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one, M.P. 97.5°;
- i) 7 - phenyl - 8a - (*p* - methoxyphenyl)-hexahydro - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one, M.P. 156°;
- 30 j) 1 - methyl - 8a - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-hexahydro - pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one, B.P. 151—152°/0.05 Torr, and
- 35 k) 1 - ethyl - 8a - (*p* - chlorophenyl)-hexahydro- pyrrolo[1,2 - a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one, B.P. 151—153°/0.1 Torr.

#### EXAMPLE 21.

19.2 Parts of 4-benzoyl-butyric acid and 7  
40 parts of ethylenediamine are heated for 2½  
hours at 150°. The reaction product is  
extracted several times with hot ethyl acetate  
and allowed to crystallise out. On recrystallising  
from ligroin or ethyl acetate, 8a-phenyl-  
45 hexahydro - imidazo[1,2 - a]pyridin - 5(1H)-  
one of the formula



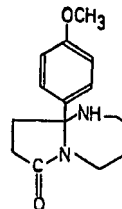
is obtained. It melts at 137°. The following

compounds are produced in an analogous  
manner:

- 50 a) 7,7 - dimethyl - 8a - phenyl - hexahydro-imidazo[1,2 - a]pyridin - 5(1H) - one, M.P. 99.5°;
- b) 6,7 - diphenyl - 8a - (*p* - methoxy-phenyl) - hexahydro - imidazo[1,2 - a]-pyridin - 5(1H) - one, M.P. 187.5°, and
- 55 c) 1 - methyl - 8a - phenyl - hexahydro-imidazo[1,2 - a]pyridin - 5(1H) - one, B.P. 135—137°/0.03 Torr.

#### EXAMPLE 22.

20.8 Parts of 3-*p*-anisoyl-propionic acid  
and 10 parts of 1,4-butanediamine in 180 parts  
of chlorobenzene are heated in such a way  
for 2 hours that about half of the chloroben-  
zene is distilled off. The remainder of the  
chlorobenzene is then removed in vacuo and  
the residue is extracted several times with hot  
ligroin (B.P. 60—90°) and this solution is  
concentrated. The crystals so obtained are  
70 recrystallised from ligroin. The pure 9a-(*p*-  
methoxyphenyl) - octahydro - 7H - pyrrolo-  
[2,1 - a][1,3]diazepin - 7 - one of the formula

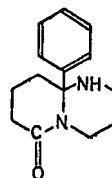


melts at 100.2°. The following compounds are  
obtained in an analogous manner:

- 75 a) 9a - phenyl - octahydro - 7H - pyrrolo-[2,1 - a][1,3]diazepin - 7 - one, M.P. 109°, and
- b) 9a - *p* - tolyl - octahydro - 7H - pyrrolo-[1,2 - a][1,3]diazepin - 7 - one, M.P. 104.5°.

#### EXAMPLE 23.

19.2 Parts of 4 - benzoyl - butyric acid and  
9 parts of 1,3 - propanediamine are heated for  
2½ hours at 150—160°. The reaction mixture  
is cooled to about 60°, extracted with hot ethyl  
acetate and the solution obtained is clarified  
over charcoal. On concentrating, the reaction  
product precipitates and is purified by re-  
crystallisation from ethyl acetate. The melting  
point of the 9a - phenyl - octahydro - 6H-  
pyrido[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6 - one of the  
formula



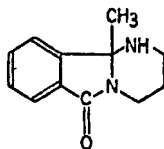
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obtained is 142.5°. The following compound is obtained in an analogous manner:

- 8,8 - dimethyl - 9a - phenyl - octahydro-  
6H - pyrido[1,2 - a]pyrimidin - 6-  
one, M.P. 120°.

#### EXAMPLE 24.

- 16.4 Parts of *o*-acetyl-benzoic acid and 8 parts of 1,3-propanediamine are heated for 2 hours at 150—160°. The reaction mixture is then distilled under high vacuum. The 10b-methyl - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro - pyrimido-[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H) - one obtained of the formula

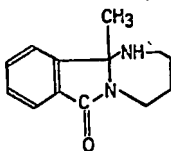


- 15 boils at 120—123°/0.1 Torr. After recrystallising from ethyl acetate/benzene, it melts at 64.5°. The following compounds are obtained in an analogous manner:

- a) 10b - ethyl - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro-pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 127.5°;  
b) 10b - benzyl - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro-pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H)-one, M.P. 131°, and  
c) 1,10b - dimethyl - 1,3,4,10b - tetrahydro-pyrimido[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(2H)-one, B.P. 121—123°/0.05 Torr.

#### EXAMPLE 25.

- 16.4 Parts of *o*-acetyl-benzoic acid and 13.2 parts of 1,4-butanediamine are heated for 3 hours at 160—180°. After cooling, the reaction mass is extracted with ethyl acetate and brought to crystallisation by concentrating the solvent. The melting point of the recrystallized 11b - methyl - 1,2,3,4,5,11b - hexahydro-7H - [1,3]diazepino[2,1 - a]isoindol - 7 - one of the formula

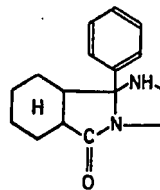


is 136.5°.

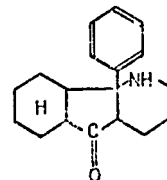
#### EXAMPLE 26.

- 23.2 Parts of 2 - benzoyl - cyclohexane carboxylic acid, 100 parts by volume of *o*-chlorotoluene and 7.2 parts of ethylenediamine are heated for 2 hours at 160°, whereby the reaction water and a part of the *o*-chlorotoluene is distilled off. The reaction mass is then evaporated to dryness in vacuo and the residue is recrystallised from a

mixture of cyclohexane and ethyl acetate. In this way, 9b - phenyl - decahydro - 5H-imidazo[2,1 - a]isoindol - 5 - one of the formula



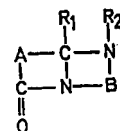
is obtained. It melts at 136—137°. On using 1,3-propanediamine instead of the ethylenediamine, 10b - phenyl - decahydro - pyrimido-[2,1 - a]isoindol - 6(6aH) - one of the formula



is obtained in an analogous manner. M.P. 169—172°.

#### WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. Process for the production of new, condensed heterocyclic compounds, characterised by the production of a compound of the general formula I

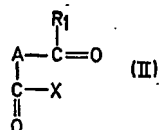


(I)

wherein

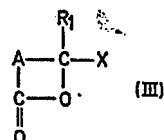
- R<sub>1</sub> represents a low alkyl radical or an aryl or aralkyl radical substituted if desired by low alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkanoylamino, alkylsulphamoyl or dialkylsulphamoyl groups, hydroxyl, nitro, amino, sulpho, sulphamoyl or trifluoromethyl groups and/or by halogen atoms, or it represents a heteroaryl radical, and  
R<sub>2</sub> represents hydrogen, a low alkyl radical substituted if desired by hydroxyl or amino groups, low alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino or dialkylamino groups, polymethyleneimino groups and alkyl-substituted polymethyleneimino groups having 5—7 ring members, a low 4-alkyl-1-piperazinyl group, the morpholino group or by the thiomorpholino group, or it represents an aralkyl radical substituted if desired according to the definition for R<sub>1</sub>, and

- 5 A and B represent divalent, optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, araliphatic or heterocyclic radicals having 2—4 carbon atoms between the two valences, but not more than 2 carbon atoms common to two rings, and at least one of the radicals A and R<sub>1</sub> is an aromatic or heteroaromatic group,
- 10 by reacting a γ-, δ- or ε-ketocarboxylic acid or a derivative thereof corresponding to the general formula II

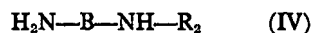


wherein

- 15 X represents the hydroxyl group, chlorine, bromine or a low alkoxy group or alkanoyloxy group, and
- R<sub>1</sub> and A have the meanings given in general formula I, which compound can also be wholly or partially in the tautomeric form corresponding to the general formula III
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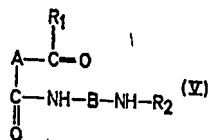


with a compound of the general formula IV



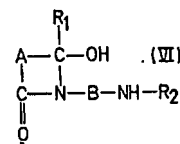
- 25 wherein B and R<sub>2</sub> have the meanings given in general formula I, and, if desired, converting it into a salt with an inorganic or organic acid.

- 30 2. Modification of the process according to claim 1, characterised by subjecting a compound of the general formula V



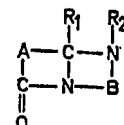
wherein

- 35 R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, A and B have the meanings given in claim 1, which compound can also be wholly or partially in the tautomeric form corresponding to general formula VI



to conditions which split off water and, if desired, converting the compound obtained of general formula I into a salt with an inorganic or organic acid.

3. Compounds of the general formula I,



wherein

- R<sub>1</sub> represents a low alkyl radical or an aryl or aralkyl radical substituted if desired by low alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkanoylamino, alkylsulphamoyl or dialkylsulphamoyl groups, hydroxyl, nitro, amino, sulpho, sulphamoyl or trifluoromethyl groups and/or by halogen atoms, or it represents a heteroaryl radical, and
- 55 R<sub>2</sub> represents hydrogen, a low alkyl radical substituted if desired by hydroxyl or amino groups, low alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino or dialkylamino groups, polymethyleneimino groups and alkyl-substituted polymethyleneimino groups having 5—7 ring members, a low 4-alkyl-1-piperazinyl group, the morpholino group or by the thiomorpholino group, or it represents an aralkyl radical substituted if desired according to the definition for R<sub>1</sub>, and
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A and B represent divalent, optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, araliphatic or heterocyclic radicals having 2—4 carbon atoms between the two valences, but not more than 2 carbon atoms common to two rings, and at least one of the radicals A and R<sub>1</sub> is an aromatic or heteroaromatic group, and their addition-salts with inorganic or organic acids.

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4. Process for the production of compounds of the general formula I, defined in claim 1, as herein described with reference to and as illustrated in any of the foregoing examples.

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5. Compounds of the general formula I, defined in claim 3 and salts thereof, as herein described with reference to and as illustrated in any of the foregoing examples.

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6. Compositions containing compounds of the general formula I, defined in claim 3, or salts thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutical carrier.

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